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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS INTERVIEW WITH IRANIAN RADIO & TV

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1. WISH CALL ATTENTION TO MAIN POINTS OF MAKARIOS INTERVIEW WITH IRANIAN RADIO & TV, RELEASED HERE MARCH 18. AND PARTIALLY SUMMARIZED IN FBIS REF.

2. USG. ARCHBISHOP SAID USG FAVORS PEACEFUL SOLUTION
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TO CYPRUS PROBLEM, BUT "ITS ATTITUDE...IS NOT REPEAT

NOT VERY CLEAR AND I CANNOT SAY WHAT KIND OF SOLUTION IT FAVORS." IN RESPONSE NEXT QUESTION, HE ADDED THAT USSR SUPPORTS: MULTIREGIONAL FEDERATION, RETURN OF ALL REFUGEES TO HOMES, WITHDRAWAL ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, SAFE-GUARDING OF CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. ARCHBISHOP SAID THAT CONGRESS, IN CUTTING OFF AID TO TURKEY, HAD "SHOWN RESPECT" FOR LAWS OF LAND. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT US AIRCRAFT STATIONED TEMPORARILY IN CYPRUS (HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT MENTION SBA'S) WITH CONSENT GOC, BUT INSISTED THAT THIS DONE "WITH AGREEMENT OF ARABS" FOR SUPERVISION OF CEASEFIRE LINE. MAKARIOS STRESSED GOC WOULD "ON NO ACCOUNT" WISH TAKE MOVE WHICH COULD UNDERMINE FRIENDLY TIES WITH ARAB WORLD.

3. TALKS. MAKARIOS SUPPORTED RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN "NEW FORM WHICH WOULD GUARANTEE SUCCESS." HE SUGGESTED WIDENING OF TALKS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP UNSYG, SETTING OF TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION UN RESOLUTIONS. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT REFER TO UNSC DEBATE OR RESOLUTION 367.

4. RESISTANCE. MAKARIOS DECLARED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL NEVER ACCEPT TURKISH FAITS ACCOMPLIS, WILL RESIST WITH "ALL MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL" EVEN IF REQUIRED "WAGE LONG STRUGGLE.". HE AVOIDED SPECIFICS.

5. GOG. ARCHBISHOP EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WHICH "DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE" TO HELP SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.

6. COMMENT. INTERVIEW CONTAINED NO REPEAT NO SURPRISES WITH WELL-KNOWN THEMES OF RESISTANCE, CUTOFF OF ARMS TO TURKEY, "INTERNATIONALIZATION." WE UNCERTAIN RE VINTAGE, BUT SUSPECT INTERVIEW GIVEN SOME WEEKS AGO VIEW PARA 3 ABOVE. MAKARIOS' REMARKS ON USG MILDLY UNHELPFUL, IN PARTICULAR INVIDIOUS JUXTAPOSITION OF US, USSR. END COMMENT.

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